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Quartermaster 2nd Class Christopher P. Whaley, left, and Information Systems Technician 2nd Class Luis Renteria, both rescue swimmers assigned to the guided-missile destroyer USS Mahan, hold onto a training torpedo as they escort it back to their ship offshore. Mahan fired the torpedo during a training exercise recently in the Atlantic.



Month tribute paid to women

March is Women's History Month, set aside to recognize contributions by women worldwide in peacetime and wartime.

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Military to join in Irish parade

Navy and Marine Corps units will march in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Newport tomorrow.

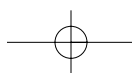
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DoD childcare rated as No. 1

Parental survey finds Department of Defense childcare facilities rate higher than privately owned facilities.

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Navy joins in parade for St. Pat

More than 90 Sailors and Marines from the Seaman to Admiral 21 and Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) programs will be among the Naval Station Newport contingent marching in the 51st annual St. Patrick's Day Parade tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The parade will start in front of Newport City Hall on Broadway, proceed along Thames Street, and end at St. Augustin's Church near Harrison Avenue.

Other Navy Newport commands that will be marching in the parade's Second Division include the Navy Band Northeast's marching band, and personnel from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Two Detachment will ride the EOD response vehicle.

A Marine color guard from Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) and a Navy color guard from Naval Health Clinic New England also will march.

The Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 202 personnel will ride in two tactical vehicles.

Fire apparatus and a patrol car will be provided by the Naval Station Newport Fire and Police Departments.

The parade is a highlight of Newport's month-long Irish heritage celebration.



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The Newport-homeported Coast Guard cutter Juniper transits beneath the Route 495 beltway Wilson Bridge in Washington, D.C., after a four-day port call to Alexandria, Va., recently. Juniper conducted tours for Congressional staffers, White House Fellows, and other VIPs during the visit, and undertook icebreaking operations during the 78-mile transit up the Potomac River.

80.4% satisfied with NMCI

ARLINGTON, Va. (NNS) — Customer satisfaction for the first quarter of 2007 for the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) reached 80.4 percent, according to results of the most recent survey released March 5.

Using a modified survey framework designed to pro-

vide the Department of the Navy more detailed information in more defined categories, the first quarter results showed a 7.8 percent increase over the previous quarter.

"The new survey framework introduced for the first quarter 2007 survey allows us to better understand end-user satisfac-

tion and more accurately target areas of dissatisfaction for improvement," said Marie Greening, NMCI program manager. "While we're very pleased with the increase in customer satisfaction, these results should be viewed as a new baseline from which more

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